

Gas-Man Owens and His 5-Cent-Fare-Bill-Knifing Are Made an Issue in a Bronx Primary Battle

Leader O'Neil in Thirty-second, North Side, Accused of Making Deal for His Return to Senate, but Followers Deny Story.

Both Sides Repudiate Strangler of the Coney Island Fare Measure—Henderson, Opponent of O'Neil, Is Popular and Contest Close.

It takes a person sixty minutes to ride from the City Hall to the heart of the Assembly district where one of the warmest Tammany primary contests of the year is raging. The district is the Thirty-second, north side, in the Bronx. Thomas H. O'Neil is the present leader, and his opponent is William Henderson, Jr., a square-jawed young man, son of one of the "first families of Westches-

"Jimmy the Gas Man" Owens, State Senator from the district and a knifer of the Coney Island Five-Cent Fare bill at Albany last winter, is made the issue of the campaign by the Henderson people. It is asserted that O'Neil has entered into a secret agreement with Owens to renominate him for the Senate in return for his support in the primary fight.

Percy Nagle, who is the Democratic leader of the Harlem district from which Owens hails, was not friendly to O'Neil last year, but now, according to Henderson, they are as close as "two bugs in a rug."

In Combinc, He Says.
"O'Neil and Owens are in a combine to defeat me and, notwithstanding all their astute explanations to the contrary, they hold secret meetings to plan my retirement," said Henderson to an Evening World reporter. "This man Owens was for years employed by the Consolidated Gas Company and, although a State Senator, is still on their pay roll. O'Neil has been leader of the Thirty-second, north side, for nine years, and besides being an errand boy for Louis F. Haffen he has been asleep on patronage and neglected the interests of the district shamefully. I'll win two to one."

Candidate Henderson has served in the Assembly. He is a builder and is said to be wealthy. While a member of the Legislature he introduced a bill at the request of residents of that district which provided for a five-cent fare from Westchester to the City Hall. Like the Coney Island bill, it met death in the State Senate. A banner displayed in the district proclaims as follows the Henderson issues:

A five-cent fare to City Hall.
Better transit facilities.
Improvements in street lighting.
Repairing of streets at once.
More complete sewer system.
Vote for Henderson
for next Leader.

Honest Tom O'Neil, as friends call the present leader, declares it is due to his efforts that the Borough of the Bronx has expended vast sums to improve the district which he represents in the Executive Committee of Tammany Hall.

O'Neil is Confident.
"Young Henderson after my scalp, eh?" exclaims O'Neil. "Why, he ought to be rolling his hoop. All the influential men of the district are with me, including Register Frank Gass, James J. Donnelly, Alderman Mulligan, Phil Weigand, Peter Sheehan, William H. Keating, A. Hennem Morris, ex-Assemblyman and owner of the famous race course, and others too numerous to mention. 'Little Angel Face' Henderson hasn't got a chance with your truly."

The Chippewas Club, O'Neil's organization, held a meeting at Haas's hall, Williamsbridge, last night, and a big crowd was present. Stephen J. Stillwell acted as Chairman, and he said: "Henderson has imported a lot of carpet-baggers into our district. He is Mayor McClellan's candidate, but although he has a lot of patronage we'll win in a walk. Cokeley, the ex-leader carrier, who is now a political scandal corner, is his chief note maker."

Repudiate Gas Man Owens.

"Nick," O'Connell, poor Nick, a member of the Order of Aspiring Leaders, and the full executive committee of the Dead Ones are with Henderson. As for the Jimmy Owens issue, we are against the Gas man, and that's no josh. Why, O'Neil would not even talk to Nagle's messenger kid. Under no circumstances will we stand for the strangle of the five-cent fare bill!"

The officers of the Chippewas Club are: President, Alexander Dillon; Vice-Presidents, George Sunderman and Henry Lippe; Secretaries, Edward J. McLaughlin and Daniel J. Daly; Treasurer, Frank Gass. Executive Member and Candidate O'Neil is Superintendent of Sewers of the Bronx. A Haffen appointee, he was recently deposited as Deputy Commissioner of Gas Works by Electricity by the administration. Before the annexation to the Greater City he was a Justice of the Peace of Westchester village. He is forty-five years old.

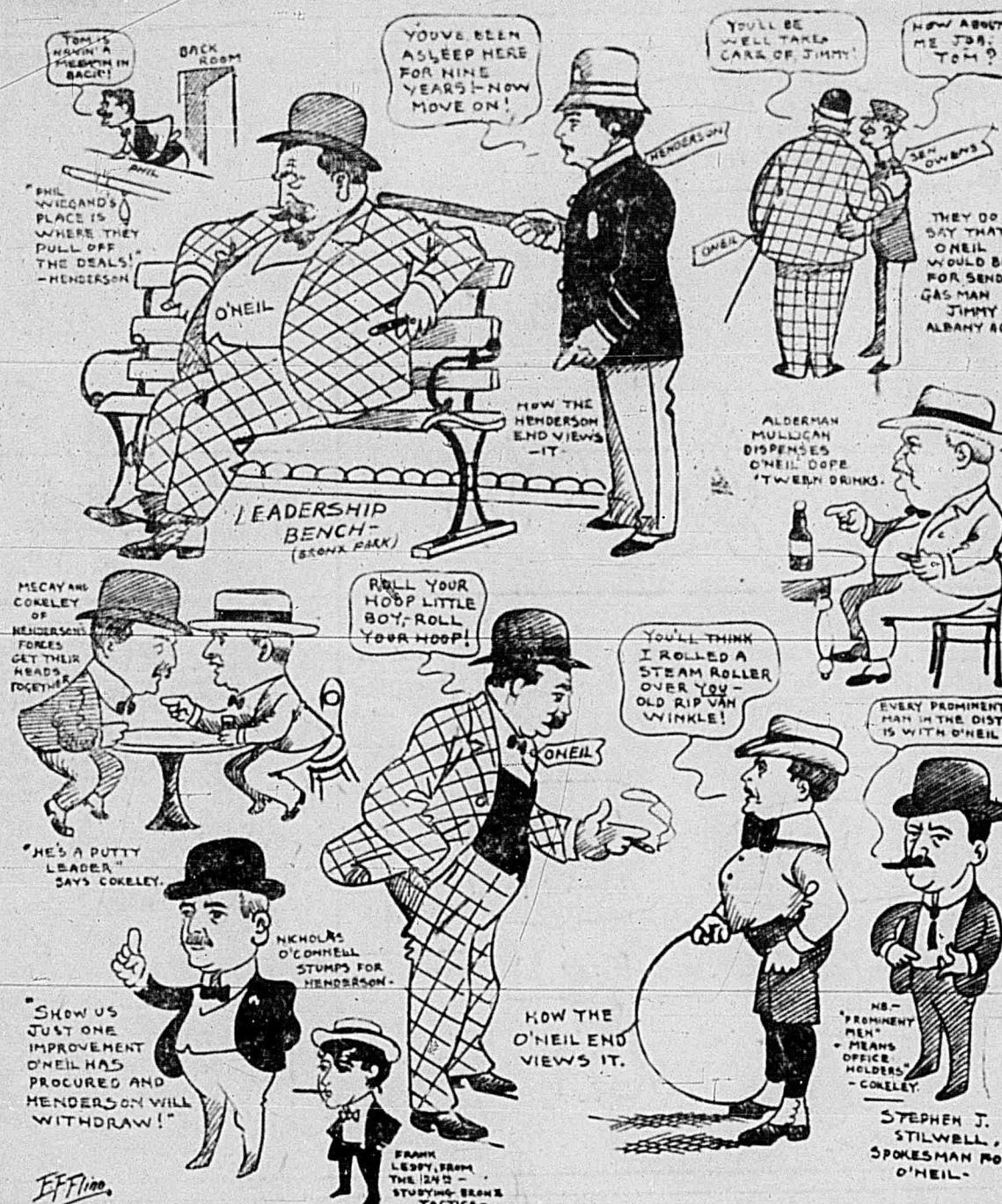
There are 4,000 enrolled Democrats in the district who are eligible to vote at the primary, which is to be held next week from 6 to 8 p.m. The district's population is 60,000 and is normally Democratic.

Choctaws for Henderson.

The Choctaw Club, backing the Henderson candidacy, is 600 strong, with many told to come along. Henry Mulvaney, T. H. T. Booth, William A. Cokeley and W. J. Kelly, leaders of the organizations, are indorse the leader of the District Alliance. Throgs Neck Taxpayers' Association, Unity Democratic Club, Williamsbridge Democratic Club, fifteen other organizations and all the principal labor unions of the Bronx.

The aspiring candidate was the original of the Rapid Transit League two years ago, which since has done effective work.

Under O'Neil's leadership only R. C. Parsons and his partner, and Billy Buckley, there are the Bailey &



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TO THE ORPHAN
BOYS OF MASON

STOCKS ADVANCE
ON GOOD DEMAND

Copper Shares and the Hill
and Harriman Issues Best
in the Market.

WANTS \$25,000
FROM MILLER FOR
BROKEN PROMISE

Austrian Actress Turns the
Tables on Manufacturer Who
Sought to Deport Her.

Philadelphian Gives Entire Es-
tate for Education of Penn-
sylvania Children.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17.—Under the will of the late Thomas R. Paxton, treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania, who died recent-
ly, his entire estate, valued at ap-
proximately \$100,000, was given to the
Pennsylvania Fund for the Education and
support of male orphans of master
Masons.

Peter Boyd, an attorney of this city,
is sole executor of the estate.

**WHEAT DULL WITH THE
PRICES CHANGES SMALL.**

With the market at Chicago closed
to-day trading here was quiet with the
price changes small.

New York's opening prices were:
Wheat—May, 111-7; bid; Septem-
ber 105-8; December, 108-8; bid; Cen-
tral, 106-1; December, 66-1.

**COTTON MARKET ACTIVE
AND PRICES HIGHER.**

Business was active with price
changes in the cotton market to-day.

The upturn was due to unexpected
strength in Liverpool. The bears held
the edge to sell on.

The opening prices were: September,

105-10; October, 111-7; November, 112-0;

January, 113-0; February, 113-8;

March, 114-0; April, 114-8; May, 115-0; June,

116-0.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

SUNRISE, 5:42 (Sun sets, 6:07) MOON sets, 12:26

THE TIDES.

High Water, Low Water,

10 A.M. P.M. 10 A.M. P.M.

Sandy Hook, 2:18 5:41 9:21 10:11

Governor's Island, 2:22 5:45 10:40 10:50

Hell Gate Ferry, 6:10 8:20 11:21 12:11

HILL'S PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED.

Grosier Kurfurst, Bremen

Helig Olav, Copenhagen

Algeria, Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said

Vandalia, Yokohama

Eurota, Gergia

Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen

INCOMING SHIPS.

DUE TO-DAY.

Creme Hall, Kurfurst, Grosier Kurfurst

Aragon, Algiers, Tripoli, Alexandria, Alexandria, Marseilles, Anseina de Larra, Città di Messina, S. Maria di Leuca, Taranto, Corfu, Liverpool, St. Lucia, Dungeness, Victoria, Troquio, Hamilton, Norfolk, Savannah

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

SAILED TO-DAY.

K'prinsessa Sophie, Comanche

Bremen, Bonn, Jacksonville, New Orleans

Oreana, Hamburg, City of Mason

Silvia, New Yorkland, Hamilton, Norfolk

Hamilton, Norfolk

James McGREERY & CO.

announce the opening of a new Department

for the sale of Butterick Patterns.

First floor, Twenty-third Street Store.

Second floor, Thirty-fourth Street Store.

23rd Street 34th Street

MAYOR FAILED TO GIVE NEEDED POWER TO AHEARN

Gov. Hughes Forces from
Witness Testimony Bring-
ing in McClellan.

ALBANY, Sept. 17.—Increased attention was evidence of growing interest in the hearing before Gov. Hughes on the charges of the City Club of New York against John F. Ahearn, President of the Borough of Manhattan, when the session was resumed to-day in the Executive Chamber.

Frederick B. De Berard, statistician of the Merchants' Association, who was on the stand when the hearing was adjourned last night, was called for cross-examination by Martin W. Littleton, in continued cross examination by Nelson S. Spencer, for the city club, in re-direct examination.

To Mr. Littleton, Mr. De Berard said that the report which was submitted to the Mayor was never referred to President Ahearn, and had not been seen by him prior to last night. An earlier report, Mr. De Berard testified, was read over to the Mayor to President Ahearn and was promptly rejected upon him.

He said the improvement in the street-furniture draft report was marked that the Merchants' Association suspended for a time its pressure in the matter.

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To Mr. Littleton, Mr. De Berard said that the examination of the Commissioners of Accounts of New York City, whose report of investigation of the Borough Presidents office is the foundation of the charges against Ahearn.

Mr. De Berard testified that the commission on street control, a quasi-official body appointed by Mayor McClellan last fall on recommendation of the Merchants' Association, had reported in favor of a curtailment of the powers of

the Department of Electricity, Gas and Water Supply of New York City and an increase of those of the Borough Presidents as necessary to a solution of the problem of conflicting jurisdiction over street openings, and that the Mayor had not accepted the report.

A second report was prepared, it appeared, omitting this recommendation, and that report is in the hands of the Mayor.

Mr. De Berard gave this testimony somewhat reluctantly. He was secretary of the commission, and when Mr. Littleton asked for information about the report, he said: "I can't tell you."

He will have to excuse me from answering the question, Mr. Littleton, I have not been authorized to make that statement to you."

"That makes no difference," broke in Gov. Hughes with emphasis. "We want all the information about this matter. You must give us any facts known to you."

It was also brought out that the second report of Mr. De Berard on the condition of the streets, and the series of photographic illustrations accompanying the report which were submitted to the Mayor was never referred to President Ahearn, and had not been seen by him prior to last night.

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